

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 15 as follows:

As In a preferred embodiment, the player is offered the choice of a plurality of aspects of bonus play from which to pre-select before the play of the base game. Trigger symbols being those typically aligned or otherwise appearing on the reels are used to signify entry to the bonus play and can be keyed to the pre-selected aspect for reinforcement of the pre-selection and enhancement of the experience and challenge. Herein alignment can take many forms such as disclosed in United States Patent 5,580,053 describing many arrangements for multi-line gaming on a plurality of slot reels or a video virtual reel simulation.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 12, as follows:

During play play, there is a need to show the currently pre-selected aspect at, for example, display 14 the particular bonus play pre-selected. One form of that could use the bonus entry triggering symbol 13 which may also be representative of the theme of the underlying base game and bonus play. In the preferred embodiment, indicia 17 on the base game can follow the theme of the pre-selected aspect. For example, if the pre-selection were Sports and Leisure as shown in Figure 1. The 1, the indicia 17 on the video reels of the underlying base slot machine might display tennis, baseball, basketball, hockey and football sporting goods on the game surface 11. Thus, the player's pre-selection of that aspect as a category of Sports and Leisure would during base game play be reinforced by the reel symbols used during slot play. Upon alignment of say, for instance, tennis rackets entry to the bonus play is achieved, the player would perhaps be presented with a question about tennis and given several answer answers from which to choose. Preferably one answer of the several presented would be correct and if that were picked by touching display 14 in the appropriate place to choose that answer the player would win the bonus play returning the display 14 to the underlying base game and showing credits won. In the physical embodiments of the casino game of chance 10, the indicia can include graphic representation, icons and video depictions depending on the chosen interactive structure for the casino game of chance 10 and more especially, the aspects pre-selected for the bonus play.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 12, as follows:

A method is disclosed for playing a casino game of chance for a bet with random entry from a base game to a bonus game of the casino game of chance as in flow diagrams of Figures 3 and 4. The method has the step of depicting to the player, before play of the base game, information about a plurality of aspects for playing the ~~bonus~~ bonus game. Allowing the player to pre-select one of the plurality of aspects for playing the bonus game before play of the base game is a method step in Figure 3 in particular. Consequently the play of the bonus game is based upon the pre-selected aspect of the bonus game so that the player in accord with the pre-selected aspect customizes the playing of the bonus game.
